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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY

Report by the Director-General

Addendum

Provides information on funding of recent project portfolios. Presents a draft statute proposed by the Government of Italy.

1. Document GC.10/7-IDB.27/2 on the International Centre for Science and High Technology (ICS) provided information in response to General Conference resolution GC.9/Res.4. The present addendum addresses interventions made during the session, and also presents a draft Statute for the Centre, as submitted by the Government of Italy (GC.10/7, para. 10).

I. FUNDING OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

2. During the twenty-seventh session of the Industrial Development Board, several Member States referred specifically to the strengthened project-oriented strategy and to the project portfolios that had been circulated among Member States (GC.10/7, chap. II). A series of recently-formulated project proposals have been funded, as shown below:

- **Novel catalytic technologies for the treatment of wastewater from agro-food and industrial productions in Mediterranean countries**
  Funding by the European Commission within the Fifth Framework Programme. Contribution to AREA Science Park, Trieste.
  ICS component: €106,488

- **Sava River Basin: Sustainable use, management and protection of resources**
  Funding by the European Commission within the Sixth Framework Programme.
  ICS component: € 107,000

- **Alternative fuels of industrial gas turbines**
  Funded by the European Commission within the Fifth Framework Programme.
  Contribution to AREA Science Park, Trieste.
  ICS component: €58,400

- **European sustainable land and groundwater management information system**
  Funded by the European Commission within the Fifth Framework Programme.
  Contribution to AREA Science Park, Trieste
  ICS Component: €25,000

3. In addition, three new project proposals have been finalized, with approval by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs expected in 2004:

- **Recycling of waste building materials**
  Estimated cost: € 3,050,000

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- **Capacity-building of human resources in environmental problems in the mining sector**
  Estimated cost: €340,000

- **Capacity-building of human resources in renewable energies**
  Estimated cost: € 660,000

4. Regarding the project:

- **Network on governance, science and technology for sustainable water resources management in the Mediterranean—the role of DSS tools,**

funded by the European Commission within the Fifth Framework Programme, the funding of the ICS component within the projects is still under negotiation.

5. Finally, at the request of Ecuador, Senegal, Slovakia and Venezuela, ICS developed and submitted project proposals on the establishment and management of ICS associated centres in the requesting countries. The projects are currently in an advanced stage of preparation. In the case of Senegal a project summary was approved, a protocol of understanding was signed with the Senegalese technical counterpart and the project was included in phase II of the UNIDO integrated programme.

II. DRAFT STATUTE

6. In a letter dated 24 November 2003, reproduced in annex I to the present document, the Permanent Representative of Italy requested the circulation to Member States of a draft statute for the Centre, as well as a draft decision thereon. The draft decision is contained in annex II, and the draft Statute in annex III.

Annex I

LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ITALY

The Permanent Representative of Italy
to the International Organizations
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Vienna, November 24, 2003

Dear Director General,

I have the honor to refer to the next General Conference of UNIDO which includes, in its agenda, an item on the International Centre of Science and High Technology of Trieste.

In this connection, I would be grateful if you could dispose to have the attached document concerning the ICS draft Statute circulated, through UNIDO's Secretariat, among the Member States, before the General Conference and as additional documentation related to item 15.

As you may know, the Statute, in its current version, has been drafted following the agreed conclusions of the joint meeting of 11th November 2003, organized by the legal Office of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, at the presence of UNIDO representatives (Legal Office and Secretariat) and ICS representative.

During the above mentioned joint meeting, the procedure for the submission of the Statute to UNIDO's General Conference was also indicated. In particular, taking into consideration that the adoption of the financial provisions of the Statute are the prerogative of the General Conference, it was suggested, for the adoption of the text by the relevant Governing Bodies of UNIDO, that:

- The General Conference adopt only the financial provisions contained in articles IV and X, XIV of the draft (in bold characters in the attached version);

- The General Conference demand to the next IDB the adoption of the draft Statute.

I would kindly request that the attached draft decision (together with this letter and the draft Statute) be circulated among the Member States, presented by Italy through UNIDO's Secretariat, with a view to its adoption by the 10th General Conference.

Yours sincerely

(Claudio Moreno)

[*Signed*]

Mr. Carlos Alfredo Magariños
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Annex II

DRAFT DECISION
SUBMITTED BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ITALY

The General Conference:

(a) Takes note of the information provided in documents GC.10/7 and Add.1 on the International Centre for Science and High Technology;

(b) Approves in principle the draft statute of the Centre as contained in annex III to document GC.10/7/Add.1;

(c) Decides to approve articles IV (Finance), X (Programme and budget), XIV (Dissolution);

(d) Refers Articles I to III, V to IX, XI to XIII and XV to the Industrial Development Board with a view to their finalization and adoption.

Annex III

DRAFT STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND HIGH TEHCNOLOGY

Article I
Objectives

1. The International Centre for Science and High Technology (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre") has been established to further the action of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter referred to as "UNIDO") in the areas covered by Article 2 (j) of the latter's Constitution.

2. The Centre shall have the objectives conferred on the International Centre for Science and High Technology, established in 1996, namely:

(a) To further, for the benefit of developing countries, the utilization of applied science for peaceful aims, and the development of science-based technologies;

(b) To promote and stimulate high-level research with a direct involvement of developing countries' scientists; and

(c) To provide conditions and structures for the professional promotion of scientists and technicians of developing countries.

3. The languages of instruction shall, in principle, be English, French and Spanish.

Article II
Functions

1. To fulfil the objectives mentioned in Article I, the Centre shall carry out the following main functions:

(i) Long-term and short-term training;

(ii) Research;

(iii) Conduct of workshops and scientific meetings;

(iv) Operation of a scheme of visiting scientists and associates;

(v) Advisory services;

(vi) Cooperation with industry;

(vii) Cooperation with and affiliation of relevant national institutions; and

(viii) Transfer of technologies.

2. In the performance of these functions, priority shall be given to the following subject areas:

(i) Pure and applied chemistry;

(ii) Earth, environmental and marine sciences and technologies; and

(iii) High technology and new materials.

3. The work shall be organized in such ways as will facilitate integration between the above areas, improving the related strategies.

Article III
Legal Status

1. The Centre, established within the constitutional framework of UNIDO as a subsidiary organ, is a non-profit-making scientific institution.

2. The Centre shall possess such legal capacity as may be necessary or desirable for the achievement of its purposes. In particular, it shall have the capacity:

(a) To contract;

(b) To acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property; and

(c) To institute and defend legal proceedings.

3. The Centre shall enjoy such privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes. These privileges and immunities shall be specified in separate arrangements.

Article IV
Finance

1. The Centre's budget shall be financed from voluntary contributions, made in the framework of Article 16 of the Constitution, by:

(i) Governments;

(ii) Intergovernmental organizations;

(iii) International non-governmental organizations; and

(iv) Other non-governmental sources,

as well as from income earned from the sale of its publications or similar material and from the exploitation or use of intellectual and other property rights.

2. Contributions to the budget from the Government of the country in which the Centre is located

(hereinafter referred to as "the host Government"), from any other Member of UNIDO or from any intergovernmental organization having relations with UNIDO under Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution may be the subject of special agreements, on an annual or longer basis, between the governments or organizations concerned and UNIDO.

3. Financial Regulations shall be adopted by the General Conference of UNIDO for the Centre. They shall be amended, as necessary, by the General Conference on the recommendation of the Steering Committee referred to in Article V (i) or after consultation with the Steering Committee. The Financial Regulations shall make provision for the Managing Director to issue financial rules to give effect to the provisions of the Financial Regulations. Such rules shall be communicated to the Steering Committee for approval.

4. The funds and assets of the Centre shall be administered and accounted for separately from the assets of UNIDO.

5. UNIDO shall, where necessary, provide the Centre with appropriate administrative support. The Centre shall reimburse such support at a level that shall be determined from time to time in consultations between UNIDO and the Centre.

Article V
Organs

The Centre shall comprise the following organs:

(i) A Steering Committee;

(ii) An International Scientific Committee;

(iii) A Secretariat.

Article VI
The Steering Committee

1. The Steering Committee shall be responsible for the general management of the Centre. It shall submit to UNIDO an annual report on the Centre's activities.

2. The Steering Committee shall be composed of:

(i) One representative of each Government for which a special agreement referred to in Article IV.2 is in force;

(ii) One further representative of the host Government, who shall be a qualified scientist;

(iii) The Director-General of UNIDO or his representative;

(iv) One further representative of UNIDO; and

(v) Representatives of other Governments of Members selected by the Industrial Development Board in the number and for the period decided by it, with due regard to ensuring an equitable geographical representation of Governments on the Steering Committee.

3. A representative of each organization for which a special agreement referred to in Article IV.2 is in force may participate in the Steering Committee with the same rights as members of that Committee except the right to vote.

4. Each Member of the Steering Committee shall have one vote. Decisions shall wherever possible be taken by consensus. Other Governments and organizations may, on the invitation of the Steering Committee, participate in its discussions as observers. The Steering Committee shall establish rules of procedure for its own functioning that are consistent with the provisions of this Statute.

5. The Director-General of UNIDO or his representative shall be the Chairperson of the Steering Committee.

6. The Steering Committee shall meet at least once a year normally at the seat of the Centre and whenever considered necessary by its Chairperson. It shall be convened by the Managing Director, who shall be its Secretary.

7. The Managing Director shall be empowered, between sessions of the Steering Committee, to deal with any matter which may be delegated to him by the Steering Committee.

Article VII
The International Scientific Committee

1. The International Scientific Committee shall reflect the relevant scientific disciplines and include an adequate number of qualified scientists and technologists from developing countries and from the host country.

2. The composition of the Committee shall be decided by the Director-General of UNIDO, taking into consideration the proposals of the Steering Committee, the Managing Director and the Rector referred to in Article VIII. The Director-General of UNIDO or his representative shall be entitled to participate in the work of the Committee.

3. The Committee shall be convened by the Managing Director at least once a year and whenever considered necessary by the Director-General of UNIDO.

4. The Committee shall review the programme and budget of the Centre from the scientific point of view and shall make comments and recommendations thereon. It shall submit an annual report to the Steering Committee.

Article VIII
The Rector

1. The members of the International Scientific Committee shall annually elect or re-elect the Rector of the Centre from among the Committee's members.

2. The Rector shall chair the International Scientific Committee, shall provide guidance on the Centre's scientific activities when so requested by the Managing Director and shall perform such other functions as are specified in this Statute or as may be requested by the Steering Committee.

Article IX
The Secretariat

1. The Secretariat shall be headed by the Managing Director of the Centre, who shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNIDO after consultation with the representatives of Governments on the Steering Committee.

2. The Managing Director:

(a) Shall act as the legal representative for matters relating to the Centre and shall be responsible for its administration and in charge of its operations;

(b) Shall select the staff of the Centre;

(c) Shall be responsible for the selection of fellows;

(d) Shall draw up the Centre's programme and budget in accordance with Article X; and

(e) Shall report to the Steering Committee on the Centre's activities.

3. The Managing Director and staff of the Centre shall be paid from the Centre's funds.

4. The staff of the Centre shall be subject to the authority of the Managing Director and shall be responsible to the latter in the exercise of their functions.

5. The Managing Director shall be responsible to the Director-General of UNIDO and subject to the latter's general authority in the exercise of the functions conferred on the Managing Director.

6. The Managing Director and the staff shall have the status and obligations of officials of UNIDO. Their terms and conditions of service may be adapted to the Centre's particular requirements in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution. Such adaptations shall be made on the recommendation of by the Steering Committee or after consultation with it.

7. The Steering Committee shall lay down general rules for the selection of fellows.

8. The Managing Director and the staff of the Centre shall carry out their responsibilities as international civil servants. They shall respect the international character of the Centre and ensure that the teaching given therein is objective and independent.

9. The Secretariat of the Centre shall service the Steering Committee and the International Scientific Committee.

Article X
Programme and budget

The programme and budget of the Centre shall be drawn up by the Managing Director, after consultation with the Chairperson of the Steering Committee and the Rector and after having considered the recommendations of the International Scientific Committee. The programme and budget shall then be presented to the Steering Committee for review and adoption. The adopted budget shall be presented to UNIDO for approval.

Article XI
Cooperation with other international organizations

The Centre may make technical arrangements with the United Nations, and with Specialized Agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as with non-governmental organizations, to pursue activities in conformity with its objectives as set forth in Article I.

Article XII
Location

The Centre shall be located in Italy on premises to be provided under a headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Italian Government.

Article XIII
Amendment of the Statute

This Statute may be amended at any time by the General Conference of UNIDO on the recommendation of the Steering Committee or after consultation with it.

Article XIV
Dissolution

1. The Centre may be dissolved by the General Conference of UNIDO.

2. In the event of the Centre being dissolved, its remaining funds and assets shall be used in accordance with instructions to be issued by the General Conference of UNIDO, except to the extent that the disposal of the unspent balances of any contributions made to or for the Centre may be subject to conditions attached by the donors and accepted by the Centre or UNIDO at the time such contributions were made.

Article XV
Effective date

This Statute shall formally enter into effect on the date decided by the General Conference of UNIDO or the Industrial Development Board.